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### **Merck Issues Recall of Gardasil Vaccine**

The Immunization Section would like to make you aware of a voluntary recall of Gardasil Vaccine being communicated on December 20, 2013 by Merck to their customers via the attached letter, which provides instructions about the recall. Gardasil vaccine was distributed in both the public and private sectors.

This recall affects one lot of Gardasil vaccine (NDC 00006-4045-41; Lot # J007354). Merck is communicating with customers who received this lot number on Friday, December 20, 2013 via the attached documents, which provide instructions on the recall. If you do not receive communication from Merck, your vaccine is not involved in the recall. This voluntary recall is being conducted due to the potential for a limited number of vials in this lot to contain glass particles. Information about the details of the recall is included in the attached documents. Patients who received this lot number do not need to be revaccinated.

Distribution of this lot by CDC's centralized distributor (McKesson Distribution Center) for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program occurred during the first two weeks of October 2013. VFC Program providers may review the "Transaction History" in the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (SHOTS) to determine if your office received this lot number.

Merck will be providing credit/replacement differently depending on whether the vaccine was privately purchased versus distributed through the VFC Program ordering and distribution mechanism:

- For vaccine purchased privately, providers will receive a credit on their Merck account for any unused doses they return.
- For vaccines orders placed through the VFC Program, Merck will provide credit back to CDC.

Since providers will not be receiving replacement doses directly from Merck, VFC Program providers should order VFC Program vaccines their normal process to make up for any doses lost due to the recall.

Questions about this recall should be directed to Merck National Service Center: 800-672-6372, Select Prompt #2, then Prompt #3 (Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM EST).